

## TWENTY GRAINS OF STRYCHNINE

Taken by Young Herbert Matthews in a Drink of Coca-Cola.

JUST AS HE WAS ARRESTED

Left a Letter Declaring That He Had Lost Control of Himself and Preferred to Go to a Better Land—Did Not Want to Give Mother Further Trouble.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALPH, N. C., November 10.—Leaving behind him letters to the effect that being out of a job, with no money and tired of life, and that he did not want to give his old mother any more trouble, Herbert L. Matthews, a young white man, 23 years old, took his own life last night by drinking twenty grains of strychnine in a glass of Coca-Cola.

He drank the deadly draught at a soft-drink shop on Wilmington Street just as an officer came up to place him under arrest for leaving a horse unattended on the street. Matthews had been driving a delivery wagon several days for the Hope Farm Dairy, Shadwell & Son proprietors. There was another warrant for him charging disorderly conduct at a restaurant, where he had ordered dinner to be charged to Mr. William, whose employ he had left, and the receipt of the restaurant insisted on Matthews paying the bill himself.

Matthews bought the strychnine at the Nollitt & Wynne drug store, and had it placed in a glass of Coca-Cola. He then drank it down without a tremor. It was at this time that Police Officer H. W. Branch came up with the warrant for his arrest. Matthews declared that he had rather die than go to the lock-up.

He had not been in the prison long when the envelope labeled "strychnine—two doses for dogs" was found at the soft-drink shop, and the news carried to the city prison, where Matthews was just beginning to show signs of some violent illness. Physicians were summoned, but he died within twenty minutes.

Mr. Zebulon Matthews, father of the suicide, arrived here this morning from his home at Neal Station, on the Raleigh and Southport Railroad, Harrell county, and carried the remains home with him for burial on an afternoon train. He is a prosperous farmer, and, in speaking of the terrible end of his son, said that he felt that he had done all he could to make something out of the boy, but he would lead a wild, reckless sort of life.

Two Letters.

The young man was fairly well dressed, and had in his pockets three photographs of himself and another young man, two letters addressed to a brother, Thaddeus Matthews, at Chatham, N. C., and another letter of considerable length to his mother, the young man wrote of his hard luck and great need of money, saying that he would soon be out of a job, but had the chance of another at Salisbury, Va. If he only had money enough to get there. The undressed letter was dated November 10, and was to the effect that he had determined to end his life, as he had lost all self-control and was in as much trouble that he preferred to go to a better land, and that he knew his mother was much worried about him, and he did not desire to give her any further trouble. He wrote that he felt that although he had led a reckless life, he had been forgiven and would go to Heaven. He expressed love for all his relatives and friends, and asked that they should not mourn for him.

In conclusion, he asked that his remains be buried in Nell's Creek Baptist Churchyard, near his old home, in Harrell county.

This will be done.

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